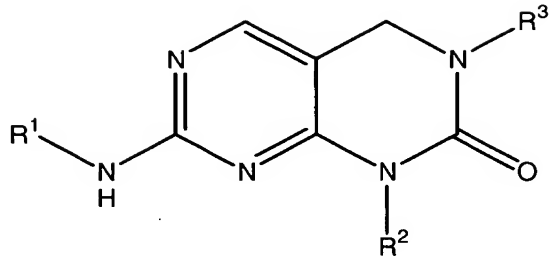
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of the formula:



wherein:

R^1 is selected from C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, or C_2-C_{10} alkynyl optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C_1-C_{10} alkyl, or NR^4R^5 ; (CH_2)n-Ar, wherein the $(CH_2)_n$ alkyl chain is optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C_1-C_{10} alkyl, or NR^4R^5 ; COR^4, wherein R^4 is alkyl optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C_1-C_{10} alkyl, or NR^4R^5 ; C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, NR^4R^5, $SO_2NR^4R^5$, or SO_3R^4; $(CH_2)_n$heterocyclyl; or alkyl optionally substituted by COR^4, CO_2R^4 or $CONR^4R^5$;

R^4 is H or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

R^5 is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, $(CH_2)_nAr$, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl or heteroaryl

n is 0 to 3;

R^3 is $(CH_2)_nAr$;

Ar is phenyl optionally substituted by halo or alkyl optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C_1-C_{10} alkyl, or NR^4R^5 ;

R^2 is hydrogen; C_1-C_{10} alkyl substituted by halo, nitrile, OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C_1-C_{10} alkyl, NR^4R^5 or (CH_2)-heteroaryl; $(CH_2)_nAr$, wherein n is 0-3; -(CH_2)-heteroaryl; C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, NR^4R^5, $SO_2NR^4R^5$, or SO_3R^4; (CH_2)-heterocyclyl; or COR^4;

R^4 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by halogen; NR^5R^6; cycloalkyl; or (CH_2)-Ar;

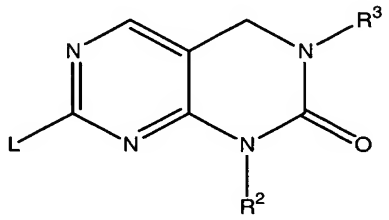
R^5 and R^6 are independently C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, $(CH_2)_nAr$, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl or heteroaryl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof.

2. A compound of Claim 1 wherein R^3 is $(CH_2)_nAr$ substituted by one or two halogens.

3. A compound of Claim 1 wherein R^2 is hydrogen; C_1-C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted by halo, nitrile, OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C_1-C_{10} alkyl, NR^4R^5 or (CH_2)-heteroaryl.

4. A method for the preparation of a compound of Claim 1, said method comprising:

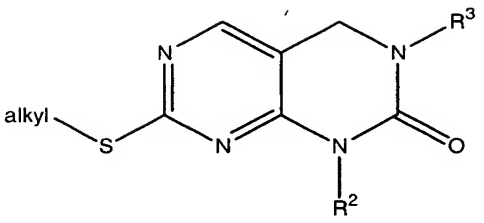
(a) treating a compound of the formula:



wherein L is a leaving group, with an amine of the formula R^1-NH_2, wherein n, R^1, R^2 and R^3 have the meanings provided in Claim 1.

5. A method for the preparation of a compound of Claim 1, said method comprising:

(a) treating a compound of the formula:



with an oxidizing agent followed by an amine of the formula R^1-NH_2, wherein n, R^1, R^2 and R^3 have the meanings provided in Claim 1.

6. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.